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Sir:

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I hereby certify that each enclosed document listed on the herewith Form PTO-1449 was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months ago by the attached European Search Report, dated March 18, 2002. Copies of the documents cited on the PTO-1449 are enclosed herewith. See the Search Report for information on each document. Of the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449, a copy of USP 6,248,828 (CR) is provided as a U.S. counterpart to EP 0 979 836 A1 (LR).

Additionally, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3), the applicant points out that this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is filed before the first Office Action on the Merits has issued in the subject application.

This IDS is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicant to comply fully.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Entry of this IDS and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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